6-Month Delay Likely In JFK Death Probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — A delay of six months is expected before the new Senate intelligence oversight committee decides whether to reopen the investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy, chairman Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) said Thursday.

Inouye, chosen to head the 15-member panel, said the committee will concentrate first on drafting new charters for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and other intelligence agencies.

Inouye, who spoke with reporters following the committee's first meeting, also said he:

- Is opposed to making public the CIA budget and is undecided about disclosing the level of overall intelligence spending;
- Would recommend that any member of the committee who discloses intelligence secrets on his own be removed from the panel and perhaps be censured by the full Senate;
- Expects the White House to notify the committee in advance of any major new intelligence activities;
- Thinks the possibility of embarrassing the intelligence agencies should be a factor in deciding what information to keep secret.